



## **King County**

### **Department of Community and Human Services**

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### **DCHS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS for Upper Bear Creek (counted by zip codes):**

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#### **Unincorporated Area Council (UAC) Support**

- DCHS provides direct service to the UACs in the role of the Community Service Representative, Marissa Alegria, serving as a liaison between the UAC and county government.

#### **Mental Health**

- Mental health services are available throughout King County, including inpatient and outpatient treatment, case management, individual and family therapy, medication management, vocational training and housing assistance.
- 24/7 telephone crisis help is available through the Crisis Clinic (1-888 4-CRISIS).
- 24/7 investigation and detention services are available for involuntary commitment.
- Mental health services (crisis response, inpatient and outpatient services) were provided to a total of 199 persons - 116 adults and 83 children in the Upper Bear Creek area in 2005 (up from 179 in 2004). This total includes 32 crisis cases investigated by Crisis and Commitment Services.
- Outpatient services were provided by a total of 12 different mental health agencies in 2005, with Seattle Mental Health seeing the highest number (109).

#### **Chemical Dependency**

- Chemical dependency treatment is available at community-based agencies throughout King County. Services include inpatient and outpatient treatment, detoxification, opiate substitution, housing and vocational assistance. Eligibility screening is available at multiple sites, including the King County jails and state Community Services Offices.
- Chemical dependency services helped 18 youth and 14 adults from the Upper Bear Creek area. Most received services at Youth Eastside Services, with five other agencies also providing care.

#### **Developmental Disabilities**

- Early intervention services help children with developmental delays ages birth-to-three prepare for school and other daily living activities, as well as providing family resources and aid. A total of 12 infants and toddlers are currently being served from this community.
- Supported employment programs help people with developmental disabilities pursue and maintain jobs in the community; 21 people from this area are receiving employment services.

#### **Office of the Public Defender**

- Low-income people charged with a jailable offense have the right to legal services. The Office of the Public Defender provides access at nine sites in King County, including jails and courthouses.
- In 2005, OPD served 89 clients in the Upper Bear Creek area at a cost of \$65,539. This includes 21 juvenile (at-risk youth and truancy) cases and 68 adult (contempt of court, dependency, adult misdemeanor, and felony) cases.

## **Community Services**

**Aging Services:** Aging Program contracts with Senior Services of Seattle-King County to provide services (more than \$12,000 annually) mostly through the Northshore Senior Center for counseling, health promotion, information and referral, recreation, transportation, case management and more.

- Senior services were provided to 217 people in the Upper Bear Creek area and an additional 30 individuals received specialized services to assist homebound elderly.

**Women's Program:** Helps to coordinate emergency supports and aid to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, including 24-hour telephone hotlines, emergency shelter assistance, legal aid, counseling, and other services. Domestic violence victim services were provided to 13 people in the Upper Bear Creek area and sexual assault victim services were provided to 20 area residents in 2005.

**Veteran's Program:** Assists low-income veterans and their families with financial aid, housing, employment, counseling and other help. There were 38 requests for veterans' assistance in 2005.

**Work Training Programs:** Helps at-risk youth and low-income adults gain education and skills to compete for jobs and build better futures.

- At-risk youth programs served seven young people in 2005, including "out of school" programs for dropout youth (educational services, career counseling, job placements) and "stay in school" services that help youth succeed in school through tutoring, case management, and other supports.
- The Dislocated Worker Program helps adults who have lost their jobs due to downsizing or plant closure by providing retraining, job coaching and other help. The program served 20 people in 2005 from the Upper Bear Creek area, at a total cost of over \$60,000.

**Homelessness Assistance:** Over \$85,000 was spent on homeless and housing assistance programs to help Upper Bear Creek area residents.

- Emergency shelter for homeless individuals/families was provided to 22 people.
- Transitional housing assistance was provided to 21 households.
- Homeless prevention and emergency financial assistance was provided to 42 households.
- Funding from DCHS helped fill over 500 bags of food for distribution.

**Housing:** Housing and Community Development works with many partners, including A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) to develop low-median income housing. One of our most successful projects is Greenbrier Heights in Woodinville, which has won state and regional awards for creativity in growth management and affordable housing development. HCD awarded \$130,000 in 2005 to support Canterbury Square Mobile Home Park to help preserve the park and directly assist five senior households.

**Community Organizing:** Supports programs in the area through mini-grants and technical assistance to assist in the development of healthy youth and families and drug/alcohol prevention. Events in 2005 benefiting Upper Bear Creek residents included a "Back to School" event at Northshore Family Center; student resource fair at Woodinville High School; community resource fair in Bothell; and sponsorship of Hollywood Hill PTA's presentation of Taproot Theatre's "The Elementary School Survivor."

### **Youth and Family Services/Justice System Interventions:**

- Majority of services are provided by Youth Eastside Services (in collaboration with Lake Washington School District) and Northshore Youth and Family Services. Other providers are Friends of Youth, Ruth Dykeman and United Indians of All Tribes. A total of 155 people from the Upper Bear Creek area received these services totaling over \$78,000.